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The reply brief filed 11/21/2007 has been entered and considered. The application has been forwarded to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences for decision on the appeal.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Sandy O'Shea, can be reached on (571) 272-2378. The facsimile machine number for the Art Group is (571) 273-8300

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Evan Dzierzynski whose telephone number is (571) 272-2336. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 7:30 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

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***Response to Arguments***

Appellant's arguments in the reply brief filed 11/21/2007 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. The Appellant argues that replacing the point light source and the tapered light guide portion of Kraft US 2003/014259 with the rod-like light source of Umemoto US PAT 6616289 would destroy the principle of operation on which Kraft is based and would prevent Kraft from achieving the object of his invention. The Office contends that using a rod-like light source, such as that of Umemoto, is not necessarily the *most* desirable means to achieve the object of Kraft's invention, but it is still within the realm of one of ordinary skill in the art to replace the point light source and tapered light guide of Kraft with a rod-like light source, such as that of Umemoto, since removal of the tapered portion of Kraft would require a wide-spread beam for even lighting.

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